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Sent: Tuesday, February 26, 2008 4:36 PM

To: biosolids

Cc: Cwwms3@wmconnect.com; Henry Staudinger

Subject: EXPERT PANEL INFORMATION

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THANK YOU,

C. W. WILLIAMS, CHAIR
BIOSOLIDS INFORMATION GROUP
BURAC CITIZENS' REPRESENTATIVE

Subj: Fwd: Requested Sludge Info

Date: 2/26/2008 4:22:59 PM Eastern Standard Time

From: Cwwms3

To: gewright@deq.virginia.gov, nrzahrada@deq.virginia.gov

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In a message dated 2/14/2008 4:40:53 AM Eastern Standard Time, Cwwms3 writes:

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Dear Mr. Wright:

Your lack of response has caused some concern. Either you have disregarded a citizen's inquiry or you are unprepared to answer the simple sludge pollution related questions posed by a citizen of the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Discounting any callous disregard, it is serious that you are unable to respond to these simple questions. Questions that should be in the public information data.

Additionally, since there are reported serious illnesses relative to public exposure to sludge constituents as well as known environmental harms, it is imperative that DEQ have trained and experienced staff to afford the public and its environment some protection and awareness.

However, should you not be equipped to answer the public's question, though given the responsibility, then it is apparent that DEQ administration has failed to adequately prepare its staff for the task given to it by the General Assembly. Also, this greatly affects any trust and cooperation that the public and legislators may have had. A non-response creates far more distrust than a partial or negative response.

It is of great concern that the public is without protection and that available information is not forthcoming from DEQ.

Very Concerned

C. W. Williams, Chair
Biosolids Information Group
BURAC Citizens' Representative

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In a message dated 2/13/2008 4:45:30 PM Eastern Standard Time, gewright@deq.virginia.gov writes:

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Date: 2/13/2008 4:45:30 PM Eastern Standard Time

From: gewright@deq.virginia.gov (Wright, Gary)

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Mr. Wright:

Thank you for your email response. Unfortunately I will be in all day meetings Thursday. This is why I had hoped you would have returned my call and we could have discussed biosolids issues on 2-13-08.

It seems that all are pointing to you for supplying my requested info. This info will be collected for the Expert Panel, BURAC and other interested Virginia entities. I trust that we can set up a communication system beneficial to all parties.

Rather than continue a telephone-tag situation, it seems best to list some initial issues addressing the Pamplin, VA sludge pollution disposal re VDH BUR 31.

Your timely response will be greatly appreciated:

1. Who was the DEQ representative who contacted Mr. Paul Foster?
2. Do you have documentation on the amount of nutrients in the applied sludge pollution?
3. Do you have recent soil samples establishing how much sludge pollution could be applied? Has this site been previously applied with sludge pollution?
4. Do you have listed the NMP and the amount of N-P-K needed for the crop?

5. What is the intended crop? What was the tonnage applied per acre?
6. Do you have the calculations to confirm that the P was limited in accordance with DCR regulations? If so, please provide documentation, If not, why not?
7. Do you have a list of all the pollutants that DEQ knew were in the sludge pollution prior to application? What was the total sludge pollution tonnage applied?
8. Do you have a clear description of the tract or tracts applied that were within 1/4 mile of the residential homes as well as within 400 feet of the Foster home?
9. Can you confirm the specific source of the sludge pollution that was applied?
10. Can you provide copies of all communications with the Generator and the Applicator? Post copies of communications after Mr. Foster contacted DEQ, prior to application, will be helpful.
11. Additionally, soil type at the site; slope of the site, weather and confirmation of buffer BUR conformance. Also, who was the DEQ on-site-inspector during the actual sludge pollution discharge application? Were there any tests of sludge or soil taken at the site?
12. What steps have been taken to assure that any K shortages have been supplemented?
13. What available documentation on how much N-P-K was applied? This info is normally supplied at a later date by the Applicator.

As you can readily see, my questions are intended to protect the citizens of Virginia and their environment along with assurances that the receiving sludge pollution landowner gets all the promised benefits. This has been the basis for BURAC discussions throughout my tenure and my support for DCR revisions.

What written risks were given to inform the receiving sludge pollution landowner of any possible consequences in order that he may control any migration of sludge pollution constituents (run off, aerosols, etc.) or odor nuisance control? Often, with informed and good management practices, many negative issues can be averted.

I look forward to receiving your responses and developing a communication system whereby we can all work for the betterment of Virginia re the disposal of sludge pollution, domestic or imported.

Please feel free to request any collected information from me. You can be assured of my full cooperation.

Hopefully, in the future there will be a central data base whereby citizens can ascertain such information thereby relieving DEQ staff time.

Kindest Regards,

C. W. Williams, Chair
Biosolids Information Group
VDH-BURAC Citizens' Representative.